

Proposed Amendment

Article 10

*Reducing Noise from Landscape Maintenance
Equipment*

Background

- Article 10 specifies explicitly a schedule for terminating the use of gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLBs):
 - § 80-4H-5: “Effective March 15, 2025, the use of all gas-powered leaf blowers by commercial landscapers in the Town of Lexington shall be prohibited”
 - § 80-4H-6: “Effective March 15, 2026, the use of all gas-powered leaf blowers by residents on their own property in the Town of Lexington shall be prohibited”
- There is no phase-out for GPLB use by our own DPW

Background (Continued)

- Article 10's justification for the proposed GPLB phase-out is their harmful environmental impact
- If GPLBs harm the environment when used by landscapers and residents, they similarly harm the environment when used by our own DPW
- Conclusion: Article 10 needs an explicit prohibition date for use of GPLBs by the Lexington DPW

Objective

- Accordingly, I move to amend the main motion by inserting the following paragraph:
 - § 80-4H-7: “Effective March 15, 2025, the use of all gas-powered leaf blowers by the Town personnel or Town contractors in the Town of Lexington shall be prohibited”